

St. Mary's Gazette

St. Mary's
at
Felician Village

Celebrating Active Lifestyles

Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Core Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with People in Need
Justice and Peace

President & CEO

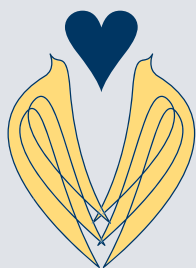
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Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

Celebrating Catholic Sisters Week

Catholic Sisters Week was celebrated March 8-14, 2025. A week that shines a light on the spirituality, mission and community building of women religious. Catholic Sisters play a vital role in shaping communities, not only through their religious vocation but through their actions and leadership in fields like education, healthcare, and social justice. Their commitment to service has left an enduring mark on countless lives.



During the week we recognized Sister Rosalie, Sister Bernetta, and Sister Bernadette during a Catholic Sisters Week prayer service and with baskets of thank you cards from residents, families, and staff were given to each of them. If you have had any encounters with the Sisters at Felician Village, you know that they are always ready to meet the next need, whether it's:

- Transporting someone from the far end of St. Mary's to the Chapel OR
- Helping residents with their Valentine's Day craft OR Giving assistance with Bingo OR
- Creating a beautifully decorated chapel OR
- Sitting with someone who needs a friend with them to pray OR
- Holding someone's hand gently as they move from this life to the next

We are so blessed to have these Sisters here. Let us remember that everywhere and always, whether at prayer before God, or at work among the people, the hearts of the Sisters radiate charity and ignite the hearts of others with God's love.

FURRY FRIENDS PET ADOPTION

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Furry Friends Project at Felician Village! Backed by evidence-based practices, these assistive robotic pets can improve mental, emotional, and physical well-being.

To celebrate this wonderful opportunity, we hosted a Furry Friends Adoption Fair on March 26, 2025. During the event, residents who were identified as part of the program had the chance to choose their pet, give them a name, pick out a collar or bandana and receive an official adoption certificate.



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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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President's Column

As we welcome April, we are reminded of the great joy and hope that Easter brings. Later this month, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, a powerful reminder of God's boundless love and the promise of new life. In this sacred season, let us reflect on the many blessings we share as a community, and remember those who work to carry on the tradition of the Felician Sisters and the Felician core values.

This month, we will celebrate the incredible Felician Village Volunteers. Our volunteers contributed over 7,500 hours to Felician Village in 2024! This also includes Tom Veaser, Ashley Sheeter, Candice Giesen, Denise Kitzerow, Fr. Gerald Foley, Frank Soltys, Joseph Pozorski III, Marcia Donlon, Mary Maurer, and Pastor Matt Sauer who represent the Felician Village Board of Directors who are volunteers. I want to thank them and all the Felician Village Volunteers for their time, dedication, and leadership to the Felician Village Values of Compassion, Respect for Human Dignity, Justice and Peace, Transformation, and Solidarity with People in Need which are shown in the many hours of service they provide our campus each year.

I want to encourage all residents or responsible parties to participate in our Resident Satisfaction Surveys, which will be distributed this month. Your feedback is invaluable to helping us shape our strategic efforts and ensure we continue providing the highest quality care and services. I appreciate you taking the time to share your feedback, which will help Felician Village continue to grow and improve.

May this Easter season bring you renewed faith, peace, and joy. Thank you all for being part of Felician Village, and may God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Luke J. Schubert

Luke Schubert, President/CEO



Mission Message

"Love and relationship will always produce better outcomes than fear and shame." I read these words from The Mystics Would Like a Word by Shannon

K. Evans last week. They struck me as so important in these times of stress and division. She was speaking about Hildegard of Bingen, a mystic who was born in 1098 in Germany. She lived until 1179, and in her lifetime was a theologian, a poet, and was declared a saint and a doctor of the church. She saw the dignity and sacredness of our relationships with each other.

Our relationships with each other define who we are. For Felician Village, relationships define our ministry. Our connection to God and to God's people calls us to continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

The General Curia of the Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans, published a book on dialogue in 2005. They tell us that living in dialogue is living in a relationship. We are fulfilled in dialogue with God and with each other. In contrast, monologue is a one-way street. There is only one source – no interaction. But we are told that "in the beginning was the Word." Jesus is dialogue and relationship. Dialogue implies listening and accompanies our development as humans. Beauty and goodness are the fruits of our exchanges with each other and with God. Our spirituality includes all of God's creation, all of God's people. Dialogue is not just exchanging words. It is an attitude of faith and a culture of meeting with others. It is conversion, discipleship, and service. We do this all in relationship to creation and to each other. As we continue our progress through Lent, prepare for Holy Week, and celebrate the Resurrection, let us keep in mind how we can continue to be in relationship with each other. Sharing our ideas and experiences, discovering the totality of the other person, and discovering our common core all join to the sacredness of our connections with all of God's people.

Written by Barb Spies, OFS, Director of Mission Services and Pastoral Care

Mrs. Roper's Romp

Open to the public!

Friday, April 11, 2025

5 - 9 p.m.

Inn on Maritime Bay - 101 Maritime Dr., Manitowoc

We are going back in time to 1977-1979 to party with the Ropers!

TICKETS: \$20 in advance or \$25 night of event

Tickets available to purchase at Felician Village reception desk.

OR online at felicianvillage.org/mrs-roper-s-romp.html

Dress in your best Mrs. Roper's gear

Wine Pull

Raffles

Music

Bingo



In Loving Remembrance March 2025

Marlene "Jean" Zeddies, St. Mary's

Lorna Skubal, The Gardens & The Court

Jacqueline "Jackie" Loberger, St. Mary's

Mary "Snooky" Fansler, St. Mary's

Marilyn Christel, St. Mary's

Norbert Pritzl, The Gardens

& The Court

